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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

YOUNG-TAEK SUL

Serial No.: 10/550,197 Examiner: WERNER, JONATHAN S.

Examiner: WERNER, JONATHAN S.

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For: HELICAL IMPLANT

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.181**

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Sir:

In response to a final Office action (Paper No. 20070322) mailed on 10 April 2007, entry and consideration of the following timely filed petition is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully petitions from the Examiner's requirement that Figures 6-8 be labeled as "Prior Art", and as reasons therefore, states that:

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**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

1. On 10 April 2007, the Examiner mailed a final Office action (Paper No. 20070322). Paper No. 20070322 mentioned the requirement of labeling Figures 6-8 as "Prior Art."

2. Seven (7) copies of Decisions on Petition for the following references previously issued by Group Directors are enclosed:

- Paper No. (unknown) issued on 23 October 2006 for U.S. Application Serial No. 10/374,980 filed on 3 March 2003;
- Paper No. (unknown) issued on 14 February 2005 for U.S. Application Serial No. 10/270,340 filed on 15 October 2002;
- Paper No. 9 issued on 16 October 2002 for U.S. Application Serial No. 10/057,956 filed on 29 January 2002;
- Paper No. 9 issued on 20 September 2002 for U.S. Application Serial No. 09/468,827 filed on 22 December 1999;
- Paper No. (unknown) issued on 15 December 1999 for U.S. Application Serial No. 08/985,544 filed on 5 December 1997;
- Paper No. 21 issued on 25 February 1998 for U.S. Application Serial No. 08/447,279 filed on 22 May 1995; and
- Paper No. 15 issued on 2 October 1996 for U.S. Application Serial No. 08/343,939 filed on 17 November 1994.